



Rev John Burden.

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Dear Mr. Phelps

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MSS.

I have neglected to answer your communication bearing date Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 37 for the reason that I hardly knew how to do it, from the fact that to get correct and decisive answers from the greater proportion of the Ministers of this Association to the question you proposed would be impossible. I therefore on this line take the liberty to send you a copy of the minutes of the Association with the understanding against the names of those Ministers who are abolitionists.

You will find that the first Lowell Ch<sup>n</sup> had no Minister at the time of the Association. They have one now by name Joseph Ballard - who is an abolitionist. The minutes will give you the names, residence - and ~~photographer~~ of the Ministers.

N.B. At the meetings of our Association the lights have always been found the lowest & if the Ministers would let them alone they would go right

respectfully yours John Burden